



PARISH ORGANISATION

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PARISH COMMITTEE

meets normally every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: must be arranged in person

MARRIAGES: 6 months prior arrangement

CONFESSIONS: by appointment

SICK VISITS: by appointment

FUNERALS: family should contact Fr. Adam as soon as possible

If you have a family member or a friend in the hospital or sick at home wishing a pastoral visit, notify Fr. Adam as soon as possible to schedule a visit.



SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY!

Saint John the Baptist Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church has been an integral part of Manchester community for almost 90 years meeting the religious needs first for the Polish immigrants, and later for all residents of the Connecticut State.

Consider joining us for Sunday Worship! For more than two thousand years, the Sunday Eucharist has been at the very heart of the life of the Christian Church. There is no substitute for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass! Everything we are and everything we do flows into and out of this act of Divine Worship.

In addition, Catholics know that they must continually nourish their spiritual lives apart from Sunday Eucharist. Daily prayer, frequent reception of the sacraments, devotions, bible study, ongoing Christian formation and an active life of charity are the building blocks of what it means to be a CHRISTIAN-CATHOLIC. You will find all of these activities in our parish and we encourage your participation.

If you have questions or suggestions about the parish, you may contact us. Please feel free to stop by the Parish Office or to speak to one of the priests or lay members after Sunday Mass.

You are very welcome to our community!

*Fr. Adam Piekarczywski
Administrator*



HOLY MASS

. 9.00 am

- in English (po angielsku)

. 11.00 am

- in Polish (po polsku)

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 9 am

For **JAN PIEKARZEWSKI**
who was baptized
yesterday in our church.



TODAY'S MASS INTENTION 11 am

O zbawienie wieczne dla
śp. Tadeusza Mieczysła-
wa Dziura (Msza Grego-
riańska, dzień 28)

Solemnity of the Christian Family

Contemporary Mass: Mass Book p.63

ENTRANCE HYMN - TO THEE WE COME

To Thee we come, O Lord, our God,
Before Thine altar, Father.
Thou knowest best our yearning hearts,
This supplication answer.
Lift up from want Thy people, Lord,
Bless us O God, O Father, bless our toil!

We ask Thee not for bliss in life,
Nor golden treasure's splendor,
But that we enter in the strife,
Christ's Kingdom to engender.
Lift up from sin Thy people, Lord,
And strengthen us, O Father, bless our toil!

INTROIT

C: Whoever does not provide for relatives and especially family members has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

R: So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith.

C: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

10/14 Today we celebrate Solemnity of the Christian Family. Let's pray today for all the families of our parish community.

10/20 Next Saturday **St. John's OPEN HOUSE**. From 11 am until 2 pm our church and the church hall will be opened for the visitors. Every hour we'll offer: Church historical tour, free lunch (traditional Polish BIGOS), Bible message and presentation of the PNCC, sweet welcome gift for everybody! **All parishioners are invited to participate and to help making this day special for those who will come to know us better.**

- We would like to remind you about the possibility to offer a Holy Mass in your own, particular intention. You can do it in two ways: stop by the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass or take one of the envelopes from the back of our Church, fill it and return to Fr. Adam. **We have still free Sundays in October (Oct 21, 28) without any Mass intention!**
- The envelopes for **ALL SOULS DAY** are available at the back of the church. Write down the names of your deceased family members and return the envelope either to Fr. Adam personally or during the Sunday Mass collection. **All the envelopes must be submitted until October 31.** The solemn celebration of the Holy Eucharist for all deceased members of our families will take place in our church on **November 2 (Friday) at 6 pm and on November 4 (Sunday) at 9 am. and 11 am.**
- If you have any suggestions or improvements for our Sunday Bulletin, do not hesitate to contact Fr. Adam. We'd like to have our bulletin friendly to the parishioners and guests.

Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus and his parents had been at the festival for at least seven days. They spent their time growing in relationship to their community (the model of church), to each other (the domestic church) and most of all, toward God (their eternal Father source of family). They were living out church.

We know how it is when we get caught up in something great. We don't want to leave. So it was for Jesus. In the Temple precincts, Jesus had it all. He has the fullness of family all in one place. He didn't want to leave. He was having an excellent time. He wants us to feel and live this way too – right now.

Jesus wants to share the fullness of family relationship with us. He wants us to gain insight, to understand and see beyond the ordinary and look to the extraordinary greatness of life that is the Christian family – the family centered on and living in Him. He wants us to revel in the family of God and to never want to leave.

God is all about family. He designed us and the world around us to mirror family life in heaven. "Let us make man in our image." He wants us to be moved to such an extent that we want family. He wants us to stay, not just with Him, but with each other in family. He ministered to and built family to provide a life example – this is how it is supposed to be.

Jesus taught His disciples to refer to His Father as their Father. He asked the crowds – who is my mother, brothers, and sisters? It is those who understand and live in family relationship with Him and His Father. He wants us to remain, to stay in family love.

READING 1

GN 1:26-28,31A

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them,

"Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 128

„Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.“

READING 2

EPH 6:1-9

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"—this is the first commandment with a promise: "so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart, as you obey Christ; not only while being watched,

and in order to please them, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. Render service with enthusiasm, as to the Lord and not to men and women, knowing that whatever good we do, we will receive the same again from the Lord, whether we are slaves or free. And, masters, do the same to them. Stop threatening them, for you know that both of you have the same Master in heaven, and with him there is no partiality.

This is the Word of the Lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT - SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me! / x2
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me!
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me!

OFFERTORY SONG - COME UNTO JESUS

Come unto Jesus, come while you may;
Hear how He calls you, come now this day.
How he does love you, follow His way,
Gently He calls you, Come!

Come O my child now, come heed His call,
Give Him your heart, your love and your all.
He shall uplift you, lest you should fall,
Gently He calls you, Come!

Ref: Lo, the vision wondrous to behold!
He would save us from this sinful world.
To heaven's blessed glory untold,
O dearest Lord we come!

COMMUNION SONG - JESUS, MY LORD AND SAVIOR (JEZUSA UKRYTEGO)

Jesus, my Lord and Savior, here would I worship Thee.
All that I have I give Thee for Thou didst die for me.
Here in this Bread of heaven, here in this Host Divine.
Thanksgiving, praise and honor be ev'ry moment Thine.
All my vain pride I humble, all my poor soul I give
unto my Lord and Savior that with Him I may live.

Hosanna in the highest! Angelic choirs do sing,
Glorious praise unceasing to Christ our Lord and King.
Setting for us a standard as we our songs ,
Bringing us closer to Him, filling us with His joy.
He knows the tears of suff'ring through His own earthly life.
With trembling heart we praise Him, telling Him of our strife.

**FINAL HYMN - BARKA**

Lord, when you came to the seashore
you weren't seeking the wise or the wealthy,
but only asking that I might follow.

Lord, have you need of my labor,
hands for service, a heart made for loving
my arms for lifting the poor and broken?

Ref: Oh Lord, in my eyes you were gazing
Kindly smiling, my name you were saying,
All I treasured, I have left on the sand there
Close to you, I will find other seas.